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COUNCILLORS FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF HEMSWORTH.
1951/52.

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HEMSWORTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration a report on the health and health services of your district during the year 1951.

I have, in addition, included certain details of the personal health services administered by me as Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council.

The Annual Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector is complementary to this report.

The number of inhabited houses again increased, there being 12,769 at the end of the year, 140 more than in 1950.

The Registrar-General's estimate of population for mid 1951 is 48,520 - 330 fewer than the preceding year.

The number of live births has again fallen slightly, an experience general throughout the country. The number of still births is the same as for 1950.

I am happy to report no maternal deaths during the year.

The number of cases of infectious diseases is considerably less than the number for 1950, the fall being most marked in the cases of whooping cough. I am happy to report that there were no cases of diphtheria during the year. Although the number of children considered to be protected against diphtheria is slightly increasing, the figure is still too low for satisfaction.

One case of acute anterior poliomyelitis occurred during the year. Fortunately, there was no paralysis.

The demand for the Home Help service continued to increase throughout the year, the number of cases rising from 99 in 1950 to 151 in 1951.

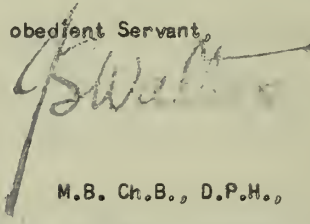
The after-care service under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act continued to expand and can now be considered to be fully developed within the Divisional establishment.

Once again I wish to express my thanks to all members of the Health Department for their work during the year. At all times the Officials of other Departments have been co-operative and helpful whenever I have sought their assistance.

I take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the interest they have shown in the work of the Department and their constant support and encouragement.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Swales", written over the typed name.

M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

PART ONE.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area of the District :	...	29,055 acres.
Population (estimated mid. 1951)	...	48,520
No. of inhabited houses (at 31.12.51)	...	12,769
Rateable value (at 31.12.51)	...	£198,483
Product of penny rate (at 31.12.51)	...	£729

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	471	418	889
Illegitimate	...	9	17	<u>26</u> 915
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Rate per 1,000 est. population		18.86	19.56	20.07
do. do. West Riding		15. 8	16.3	17.2
do. do. England & Wales		15. 5	15.8	16.7

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	9	11	20
Illegitimate	...	1	-	<u>1</u> 21
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Rate per 1,000 total births		22.44	22.27	27.81
do. do. West Riding		26	24	24
do. do. England & Wales		23	-	-

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths from all causes	...	273	224	497
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Rate per 1,000 est. population		10.24	9.21	10.10
do. do. West Riding		12.7	11.8	12.1
do. do. England & Wales		12.5	11.6	11.7

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	18	17	35
Illegitimate	...	1	-	<u>1</u> 36
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Rate per 1,000 live births		39.34	36.65	43.25
do. do. West Riding		31.8	35	38
do. do. England & Wales		29.6	29.8	32

MATERNAL MORTALITY

<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Nil	1	1

The principal causes of death are set out in the following table :-

TABLE I.

Disease	Male	Female	Total.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	12	5	17
Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1
Measles	1	1	2
Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	4	12
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	6	1	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	6	6
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	25	18	43
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	28	30	58
Coronary disease, angina	22	15	37
Hypertension with heart disease	3	6	9
Other heart disease	37	51	88
Other circulatory diseases	6	8	14
Influenza	6	5	11
Pneumonia	8	9	17
Bronchitis	44	15	59
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	3	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	5	1	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	4	7
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	-	4
Congenital malformation	4	3	7
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	32	29	61
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
All other accidents	5	2	7
Homicide	1	-	1
Total:	273	224	497

The increase in the total number of deaths from 450 in 1950 to 497 in 1951 is accounted for by 44 extra deaths from illnesses of the elderly, viz. cancers, heart and circulatory diseases and bronchitis.

Infant Mortality.

The following table gives the causes of death of all infants under 1 year of age classified into age groups :-

TABLE II.

Cause of death	Age Groups								Totals		
	Under 1 wk.	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mth.	M	F	Total
Prematurity	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	11
Respiratory failure	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	5	5	10
Congenital malformation.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Gastro-enteritis	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	3
Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
Other causes	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	3
Totals	15	4	1	-	8	5	3	-	19	17	36

The total number of infant deaths is virtually unchanged from 1950 and more than half of these deaths occurred in the first two weeks of life.

Vital Statistics for the various Parishes

Parish.	Population est. mid 1951	Live Births		Birth Rate	Deaths		Death Rate	Deaths under 1	Infant Mortal- ity Rate.
		M.	F.		M.	F.			
Ackworth.	4,880	38	31	16.2	36.	15.	10.45	1	14.49
Badsworth.	155	4	2	38.7	1	2	19.35	-	-
Billingley.	111	-	1	9.0	-	2	18.01	-	-
Brierley.	6,865	97	76	26.7	40	39	11.51	8	46.24
Great Houghton.	2,425	22	18	16.4	14	9	9.48	2	50.00
Havercroft.	1,932	14	21	18.1	4	8	7.74	2	57.14
Hessle & Hill Top.	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntwick, etc.	370	2	3	13.5	2	2	10.80	-	-
Kirk Smeaton.	218	-	2	9.2	-	1	4.57	-	-
Little Smeaton.	674	2	1	4.5	2	2	5.93	-	-
Little Houghton.	187	6	3	48.1	4	1	26.73	1	111.11
North Elmsall.	4,005	43	35	17.0	10	2	2.99	1	12.82
Ryhill.	2,801	26	28	19.3	18	19	13.21	3	55.55
Shafton.	1,831	14	15	15.8	15	7	12.01	3	103.44
South Elmsall.	7,780	72	64	17.5	37	37	6.94	4	29.41
South Hiendley.	1,542	17	17	22.0	6	5	7.13	2	58.82
South Kirkby.	10,926	116	104	20.1	64	53	10.61	7	31.81
Thorpe Audlin.	275	3	-	10.9	2	2	14.56	-	-
Upton.	1,282	4	12	12.5	18	18	19.12	2	125.00
Walden Stubbs.	109	-	2	19.7	-	-	-	-	-
West Hardwick.	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	48,520	480	435	18.86	273	224	10.24	36	39.34
		915			497				

No conclusions should be drawn from the rates of the different parishes, the total number of births and deaths in all but the larger parishes being too small for statistical purposes.

PART TWO

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following tables give details of the incidence of notifiable diseases :-

TABLE III

DISEASES NOTIFIED IN TOWNSHIPS

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Food Poisoning	Erysipelas	Malaria	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Totals.
Ackworth	3	5	104	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	1	125
Badsworth	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Billingley	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Brierley	10	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	17
Great Houghton	2	21	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	44
Grimethorpe	10	18	15	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	57
Havercroft	1	6	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	59
Huntwick, etc.	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Kirk Smeaton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Little Houghton	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Little Smeaton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moorthorpe	5	2	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	31
North Elmsall	1	2	33	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	37
Ryhill	3	4	89	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	98
Shafton	5	14	55	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	77
South Elmsall	8	7	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	90
South Hiendley	2	2	44	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52
South Kirkby	27	3	178	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	219
Upton	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Walden Stubbs	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Totals.	81	89	685	14	1	1	2	4	2	9	1	39	6	334

TABLE IV.

CASES NOTIFIED MONTH BY MONTH.

Diseases.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	5	6	6	6	4	7	9	3	5	11	9	10	81
Whooping Cough	7	1	6	1	6	5	3	11	11	9	6	23	89
Measles	173	62	71	77	115	67	45	40	14	3	3	15	685
Pneumonia	3	2	1	2	1	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	14
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	9
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	5	7	2	1	1	5	-	9	2	1	3	39
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6
TOTALS	194	76	94	89	129	80	66	59	40	30	21	56	934

TABLE V.

CASES CLASSIFIED INTO AGE GROUPS.

Diseases.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 to 15 years.	15 to 20 years.	20 to 35 years.	35 to 55 years.	55 to 65 years.	65 yrs. & over.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	1	2	3	11	13	33	14	1	3	1	0	1	81
Whooping Cough	6	13	20	14	12	23	1	1	1	1	0	1	89
Measles	37	83	71	131	113	237	11	1	1	0	1	1	685
Pneumonia	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	5	2	1	1	14
Meningococcal Infection	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Dysentery	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	4
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Erysipelas	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	9
Malaria	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	4	8	1	7	7	39
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	6
Totals	47	101	95	159	139	303	29	8	24	10	11	9	372

The total number of infectious diseases is markedly less than in 1950, the greatest fall being in the number of cases of whooping cough (89 as compared with 276 in 1950).

TUBERCULOSIS:

The following table summarises the particulars contained in the Tuberculosis Register:-

TABLE VI

No. of Cases in Register.	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total
	M	F	M	F	
At 1st January, 1951	156	104	22	32	314
New cases added to Register during 1951	28	15	3	5	51
Removed during 1951:					
(a) Death	12	5	-	-	17
(b) Recovered	5	2	1	2	10
(c) Removed from District	11	11	2	5	29
Total at 31st December, 1951.	156	101	22	30	309
	257		52		

There is little change from the figure for 1950 when the number on the Register was 314.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

	0 - 4 years.	5 - 14 years.	Total.
No. of children who completed a full course during 1951:	485	607	1,092
Total number of children now immunised:	1,983	4,877	6,860
Registrar General's estimated child population mid 1951:	4,803	8,981	13,784
Proportion immunised:	41.29%	54.30%	49.78%

There has been a slight improvement in the proportion of children under 15 years who are considered to have a satisfactory degree of immunity.

VACCINATION:

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1951:-

Age at date of vaccination:	Under 1 year.	1 to 2	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 and over.	Total.
No. vaccinated.	66	3	4	7	17	97
No. re-vaccinated	-	-	2	1	32	35

PART THREE.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

An increase in the staff in the summer brought the number of Health Visitors to 6, resulting in a large increase in the number of visits from 8,000 in 1950 to 10,500 in 1951.

No. of visits made were as follows :-

	<u>First Visits</u>	<u>Total Visits</u>
To expectant mothers	71	71
To children under 1 year	929	3,876
To children 1 - 5 years	42	5,204
To Home Help cases	-	508
To Tuberculosis cases	-	429
To Aged people	-	433
Other cases	-	17

Child Welfare Clinics.

These are held regularly at centres throughout the district with a Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance.

Details as follows :-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>No. of sessions per month.</u>	<u>No. of children who attended.</u>	<u>Total Attendances.</u>
Ackworth	2	70	963
Great Houghton	2	50	823
Grimethorpe	4	137	3,350
Ryhill	2	77	1,407
Shafton	2	20	292
South Elmsall	4	142	1,498
South Hiendley	2	38	685
South Kirkby	4	194	2,008
Upton	2	86	850

An Ultra Violet Ray clinic is held three times per week at the Hemsworth Centre and during the year 71 children from the Urban and Rural Districts attended for treatment.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

These are held in the district with a Doctor and two midwives in attendance.

Clinic	No. of sessions per month	No. of women who attended.	Total Attendances.
Ackworth	2	61	278
Ryhill	4	99	436
South Elmsall	8 (from June 1951)	159	1,009
South Kirkby	4 (from June 1951)	129	813

In addition, 81 post natal examinations were made during the ante-natal sessions.

Grimethorpe is still without an ante-natal clinic and no move to erect a building has been made by the County Council.

Midwifery Services.

8 qualified midwives and 2 relief midwives practice in the area.

Total cases attended during the year - 587

Gas and Air analgesia was used in 213 cases.

Maternity Homes.

Admissions to Maternity Homes were restricted to abnormal cases and cases with unsuitable home conditions. An analysis of inward transferred births notified shows where institutional confinements occurred.

St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley	-	99
South Elmsall Maternity Home	-	71
Walton Hall Maternity Home	-	69
Wakefield General Hospital	-	56
Manygates Maternity Hospital	-	48
Others	-	18

Care of the Premature Infant.

Of 55 premature births notified during the year, 6 were stillborn. Each of the live births was specially investigated and the necessary care and special equipment was given as required.

Details of survival of these prematurely born infants are as follows :-

	Total.	Still Born.	Alive.	Died within			Survived 4 weeks.
				24 hours.	1 week.	4 weeks.	
Domiciliary	20	4	16	3	2	1	10
Institutional	35	2	33	2	4	1	26

PART FOUR.

CARE AND AFTER-CARE.

HOME NURSING.

Seven home nurses, with the assistance of the relief nurse who operates in both the Urban and Rural Districts, made a total of 20,943 visits during the year.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

During the year the care and after-care service continued to expand and co-operation between the Hospital Almoners and the Divisional Health Office is good. Home Helps are provided and, where necessary, appliances and equipment are loaned. The District Nurse has, of course, a prominent place in the after-care scheme.

TUBERCULOSIS.

During the year the services of a Home Help were provided for one case of tuberculosis for a total of 742 hours.

Extra nourishment, in the form of daily milk, was also provided for those cases recommended by the Chest Physician.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This service continues to expand, the number of cases dealt with being 151 as compared with 99 in 1950. The following table shows the details of the service for the year:-

TABLE VIII

Type of Case	No. of cases.	Total hours employed.
Illness	23	3,309
Confinement	66	5,600
Expectant mothers	8	1,151
Aged ill	28	5,235
Aged infirm	19	3,713
Children under school leaving age	7	881
TOTALS	151	19,889

MENTAL HEALTH

The numbers of patients under supervision and guardianship at 31.12.51.

are as follows:-

Statutory supervision	-	85
Voluntary supervision	-	10
Guardianship	-	3

In addition, the Mental Health Social Worker supervised cases on licence and holiday from institutions and furnished background reports at the request of the Superintendents of Mental Hospitals.

PART FIVE

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Six ambulances operate from the South Kirkby Depot which is administered by the West Riding County Council. There are 19 drivers and 3 telephonists on the staff. During the year 13,515 patients were carried 161,716 miles in 5,052 journeys.

LABORATORY SERVICES.

The arrangements of 1950 are unchanged.

PART SIX

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

CLINICS.

School clinics are held weekly at Upton, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, South Kirkby, Grimethorpe and Havercroft, and fortnightly at Askworth. A School Medical Officer is in attendance at Moorthorpe and Havercroft on alternate weeks.

Clinic.	No. of children treated.	Total attendances.
Upton	285	740
Moorthorpe	355	1,018
South Elmsall	223	257
South Kirkby	226	262
Grimethorpe	738	793
Havercroft	410	554
Askworth	269	333

SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

1,941 pupils examined.

491 pupils referred for treatment.

CHILD GUIDANCE.

Seven pupils were referred for treatment to the Child Guidance clinic. A full-time psychologist was appointed by the W. R. C. C. during the year.

ORTHOPAEDIC.

44 Pupils from the Rural district attended the specialist's clinic. A remedial exercise clinic run by the Orthopaedic nurse was attended by 28 pupils from the Rural and Urban districts.

EYE CLINICS.

During the year 24 clinics were held in the Urban and Rural districts and of 370 children examined 137 were prescribed glasses.

SPEECH THERAPY.

A speech therapy clinic was established in September, 1951. This clinic which is held in the Divisional Health Office, Hemsworth, on three sessions each week had 41 pupils from the Urban and Rural districts in attendance at the end of the year.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

for 1951.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
Brierley Hall,
Brierley,
nr. Barnsley.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration in the Rural District for the year 1951. As in last year's report, tables have been relegated to the end, and for the same reasons.

HOUSING.

This subject still remains one of the nation's major problems, and in no district does it appear to be more acute than in this. Few things can lead to more unhappiness and ill-health than lack of a suitable home.

From time to time the number of new houses erected is blazoned forth by the party in power - but the number allowed to go derelict through lack of repair is never referred to. Yet the true rate of progress cannot be assessed without taking this figure into consideration. The reason for this unfortunate state of affairs, i.e. the allowance of houses to become derelict, is purely an economic one - the owner has to pay nearly three times as much for his repairs as he paid in 1939, but he is not allowed to increase his rent. As a result many owners disappear, leaving the tenant without a landlord, no one to whom he can pay his rent and no one from whom he can require repairs.

It is a common argument that more has been paid in rent than the house originally cost to build, therefore, the owner should not expect any profit. The owner replies that a tenant investing £500 @ 5% receives £500 in interest in 20 years, still retains his capital, and his interest continues.

Whichever view one takes, there can be no doubt that repairs would extend the life of much old property, and that few owners will pay for these repairs without some return. Unpalatable though it may be, some increase of rents, or some form of subsidy, is necessary if we are to obtain the maximum benefit from old property during the present emergency.

WATER SUPPLY.

The type of water supplied to the different parishes varies considerably. Those areas supplied by the Barnsley Corporation have a soft water as it is from an upland source;

the remainder have a harder supply as it comes from below ground and so has a dissolved mineral content - Dearne Valley, Nostell, Pontefract and Tickhill.

Owing to the economic position the proposed extension of the supply from Wentbridge to Barnsdale Bar has not yet materialised.

A small proportion of the supplies are from wells and springs, as is inevitable in a district of this nature. The provision of a piped supply in these cases remains an economical impossibility. In certain cases water is transported by road.

Of the 77 bacteriological samples taken from taps connected to a main supply, only 2 were below standard. Of the 3 samples taken before chlorination, one was satisfactory and two were below standard. Only one sample was submitted for chemical analysis and proved to be satisfactory.

Low pressure was complained of in two parishes only and actual shortage of supply was only experienced in about 30 houses. Action was taken immediately to have these matters rectified but delay occurred owing to the shortage of labour and materials.

SEWERS AND SEWERAGE.

There were no important additions to existing works but there were extensions of the sewer in the following parishes:-

Langthwaite Grange Estate, South Kirkby.
Housing Estate, South Kirkby.
Housing Estate, Moorthorpe.
Housing Estate, Havercroft.
Housing Estate, Grimethorpe.
Housing Estate, Great Houghton.
Housing Estate, Upton.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The arrangement that the meat at the centralised slaughterhouse be inspected on alternate weeks by sanitary inspectors from the Urban and Rural districts continued. The proportion of animals affected with disease remains substantially the same. It will be noted that the number of cattle slaughtered was less than during the preceding year.

During the year 11 tons 6 cwt. 1 qtr. 2 lbs. of home-killed meat was found to be unfit and condemned.

MILK.

It would seem that inspection of farm premises where non-designated milk is produced has virtually ceased since the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries took over this important work. This duty, filched from the local authorities by a greedy government department which cannot, or will not, shoulder its responsibilities in this matter, should be returned to the local authorities forthwith.

ICE CREAM.

The public interest focussed on this subject diminished somewhat during the year. Nevertheless the sanitary inspectors' interest was maintained. These officers must assess the importance of each facet of their work and ascribe due attention to each; they must not allow the daily press to spotlight one particular item and pay an undue amount of attention to it at the expense of other equally important matters.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreaks of food poisoning were reported during the year.

OTHER FOODS.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938. - Byelaws under Section 15.

These byelaws concern the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and the sale of food in the open air. The attention of the tradesmen has been drawn to this matter and warnings, where necessary, have been given.

It was hoped that the Ministry would give some indication as to what should be standard practice so that there would be a uniform interpretation of the byelaws. This lead has not been given, so that each authority gives its own interpretation, the result being considerable variety in the requirements of adjoining authorities.

The public could assist greatly by reporting all cases where food retailers indulge in the revolting habit of licking a thumb to tear off a paper bag and then handling food.

FACTORIES ACTS.

Only one notification of outworkers was received during this year. Taken as a whole the conditions in the factories in the area can be considered as satisfactory.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

Although this is a rural district there are many furnaces in the area. Fortunately they are not surrounded by dwellinghouses, nevertheless, supervision must be maintained. Burning spoilbanks have caused much atmospheric pollution in the past, but strict attention to certain details and prompt action and co-operation by the colliery officials have almost wiped out this type of nuisance.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are two swimming baths in the area - one public and one private. Samples are taken regularly for analysis from each. The reports indicate that the standard is almost invariably akin to that of drinking water.

CARAVANS.

During the year a number of licences to occupy caravans were issued. These were almost all in respect of caravans that had been occupied for many years. Much time was devoted to consideration of this caravan problem. While caravans may be ideal for summer dwellings and may be passable as winter dwellings for one person or even two, they cannot be considered satisfactory for children on account of the restricted air space.

VERMIN.

This perennial problem is one that happily declines in magnitude. The only insect vermin of any importance in this district is the bed bug. One rarely hears the philosophic statement that was so common in the 1930's "Of course we have a few. But everyone has, just as everyone has a few flies".

NUISANCES.

The usual steady flow of complaints of nuisances continued during the year. The Council's firmness in dealing with these matters seems to be showing results.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The customary investigations were made and full information is given in the Medical Officer's Report.

The Council agreed to assist in a special investigation concerning acute poliomyelitis. Special swabs were taken from sewers in the parish of Little Houghton but no startling discoveries appear to have been made.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The steady replacement of privies by water closets was maintained throughout the year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

These places have proved a boon to everyone, at some time. It is unfortunate that they are subjected to such abuse by a minority of the users, and surprising that no witnesses come forward so that the anti-social culprits might be punished.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Council's new scheme of refuse collection was commenced in July and proved to be satisfactory in operation.

The method of refuse disposal remains as before, i.e. by controlled tipping at various tips.

SALVAGE.

The salvage of waste paper was re-commenced in October under the new system of baling on the lorry and proved to be most successful. The next step is the production of a purpose-made collector where the paper can be placed from ground level directly into the baler.

PUBLIC SEATS.

The wanton destruction of public seats continued as vigorously as ever during the year; it is remarkable that witnesses do not come forward as the public seat is an amenity enjoyed by so many, especially the elderly. A contract was given for their repair but the contractor found himself unable to procure the materials.

RODENT CONTROL.

The periodical inspection of the Council's refuse tips and sewage disposal works was carried out and treatment given where necessary.

The test baiting of sewers was carried out in June. The results showed that treatment was required at only 38 points of the possible 787.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In addition to the normal duties carried out by a sanitary inspector the following duties were performed:-

Supervision of some street cleaning and cleansing of public conveniences; general supervision of the market at South Elmsall; administration of the Petroleum Acts; means of escape in case of fire; certain enquiries concerning the letting of Council houses; and erection and maintenance of public seats.

Concerning the storage of petroleum, an unusual occurrence took place when an overspill of petrol caught fire due to static electricity in the ground caused by a nearby electric motor.

The naming of streets and numbering of houses in the parish of Shafton was undertaken and satisfactorily completed. This work, however, could not be continued in other parishes without neglecting more important duties.

STAFF.

My thanks are due to the sanitary inspectors and clerks for the manner in which their duties were carried out during the year.

At the end of the year Mr. N. Buckle and Mr. A. Milner resigned from their posts in order to take up more lucrative appointments elsewhere.

The staff during the year was as in 1950, viz:-

Senior Sanitary Inspector.	C.T. Peacock, F.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspectors.	G.H. Suggitt, M.S.I.A.
	L. Robinson. M.S.I.A.
	A. Milner. M.S.I.A.
	N. Buckle. M.S.I.A.
Clerks.	J. Glew. (Senior).
	H. Hammond.
	E. Peate.

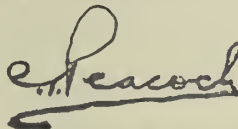
In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Medical Officer for his close and friendly co-operation, to the heads of the other departments and their staffs for their

assistance, and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee without whose support the steady progress could not have been made.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Peacock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING

No. of houses inspected during the year under the Public Health or Housing Acts	474
No. of inspections made for this purpose... ..	1550
No. of houses considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation... ..	1371
	(Cat. V. Rural Housing Survey).
No. of dwellinghouses rendered fit as a result of informal action	230
No. rendered fit as a result of action under statutory powers... ..	105

VERMINOUS HOUSES.

	<u>Council.</u>	<u>Others.</u>
No. found to be infested with vermin... ..	16	27
Number disinfested.	16	27

WATER SAMPLES.

	<u>Satis- factory.</u>	<u>Below standard.</u>
Chemical examination... ..	2	2
Bacteriological examination	80	19

MILK SAMPLES

Methylene Blue test	14	3
Presence of Tuberculosis... ..	11	Nil

ICE CREAM.

Bacteriological examination	45	11
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MILK LICENCES (DEALERS).

Tuberculin Tested 6
 Accredited Nil

PETROLEUM.

No. of licences renewed during 1951 59
 No. of new licences granted during 1951 1

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No. of private slaughterhouses in the district 6
 No. of licences issued during the year... .. 6

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1953.

No. of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year 41
 No. of new licences issued... .. 3

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	995	370	186	3431	388
<u>All diseases except T.B.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	5	11	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	308	180	5	674	73
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis.	31%	18%	5.3%	20%	20%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	7	3	-	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	192	112	2	-	26
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	20%	12%	2.6%	-	7.8%

Total weight of home killed meat condemned at
 abattoir 11 tons, 6 cwt. 1 qtr. 2 lbs.

Total weight of imported meat condemned Nil

Total weight of canned imported meat 3 qtrs. 18 lbs.

No. of visits to abattoir... .. 432

Total weight of other foods condemned... .. 19½ cwts

Number of inspections 162

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

No. of visits to shops 33

No. of unsatisfactory conditions found.. ... 1

Number remedied... .. 1

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district 15

Number of inspections 29

Number of bakehouses underground Nil

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No. of smoke observations each of 30 mins.duration.. ... 16

No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke.. ... 2

No. of cautions issued 2

No. of statutory notices issued Nil

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, etc.	No. in District.	No. on Register.	No. of insps.	General Conditions.
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Houses Let in Lodgings	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans and Sheds	12	12	68	Satisfactory.
Knacker's Yards	1	1	12	Satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937. (Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)).

Premises.	No. on Register	Inspections.	No. of written notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11	20	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	77	32	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	88	52	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		Prosecutions.
			to H.M. Inspector.	by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences -					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences.	1	1	-	1	-
Total	2	2	-	2	-

NUISANCES.

Number found during 1951	...	497
Number in hand 1950	...	265
Total requiring abatement	...	762
Abated during the year	...	478
Outstanding at the end of 1951	...	284

NOTICES.

No. of informal notices served during 1951	...	239
Number complied with (including 90 from previous year)	...	230
No. of statutory notices served	...	111
Number complied with (including 56 from previous year)	...	105
Total number of legal proceedings taken	...	15

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of privies with open middens at the end of 1951.	...	32
No. of pail or tub closets	...	301
No. of privies with covered middens.	...	240
No. of water closets	...	12,863
No. of water closets added during the year	...	257
No. of other types of closets constructed during the year	...	Nil
Percentage of closets on water carriage system	...	95.7

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

No. of premises with dustbins	...	12,623
Mileage covered	...	59,574

COST OF PUBLIC CLEANSING £24,583.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

No. of cesspools	126
Mileage covered	18,104

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Housing	612
Nuisances and complaints	1798
Drains and sewers	762
Sanitary conveniences	483
Infectious diseases	176
Ponds, ditches, etc.	28
Changes in tenancy (Council Houses)	352
Applications to take in lodgers	
(Council Houses)	84
Wet or fried fish shops	67
Bakehouses	29
Ice-cream premises	70
Food preparing premises	90
Butchers' shops	72
Food inspection	133
Slaughterhouses	21
Abattoir	432
Food poisoning	8
Shops Act	33
Milk and Dairies Regulations	29
Factories Act	32
Spoilbanks	20
Patroleum Acts	10
Schools	20
Re-visits (preliminary and statutory notices)	1550
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